

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
March 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – Approved

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Rod Hammer	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member
Frank Park	Board Member
David Olsen	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Brian Cottam	Board Member
Stephen Higgs	Board Member
Jason Poulsen	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Monica Todd	Board Secretary
Kevin Bolander	Asst. Attorney General
Mark Burton	State Fire Marshal Office
Oliver Moore	State Fire Marshal Office
Deanne Mousley	State Fire Marshal Office
Kim Passey	State Fire Marshal Office
Mike Riley	State Fire Marshal Office
Mat Sacco	State Fire Marshal Office
Kelly Snow	State Fire Marshal Office
Bryan Thatcher	State Fire Marshal Office

PRESENT

Many members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting, recording and all other related paperwork.

Item #1 on the agenda, Board meeting called to order by Board Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

Item #2 on the agenda was approval of the January 12, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes as written by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Olsen, motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer addressed the Board and stated that due to Winter Fire School they had not had a Certification Council meeting since the previous Fire Prevention Board meeting, their next meeting is scheduled for next week. He stated that Lori and her team had been continuing going around the state to update policies and procedures for testing, specifically to prevent people from cheating. Chair Newberg asked how the information regarding prevention of cheating is disseminated to the staff. Chief Spencer stated that it is written into their policies and procedures and that they review these yearly with the instructors. Board Member Olsen praised Laurie and her group stating that he attended their training last week and he felt the information is well received and he appreciates everyone's efforts.

Item #4 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Ryan Perkins, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Mr. Perkins addressed the Board and stated that they had just had their meeting last week and they mostly focused on how they were training personnel around the state regarding Haz-Mat. Mr. Perkins also thanked the Board in advance for item number 7 on the agenda as they needed to fill that vacancy on the Council. Chair Newberg asked if Mr. Perkins would like to add any thoughts he might have regarding the appointment of Chris Martin to the Council. Mr. Perkins stated he had known Mr. Martin since he started with the DEQ and stated that he is proactive and has an interest and willingness to serve so should be a good addition to the council. Board Member Olsen asked if it was their Council or just Art Deyo from the Fire Marshal's Office that did the recent Haz-Mat training that he attended. He stated that it was really well done and informative. Mr. Perkins agreed that the Fire Marshal's Office has been doing a lot of good training around the state for Haz-Mat related information. Board Member Hammer asked what their training plan was for rural areas. Mr. Perkins stated that they were going to do some training along with UFRA and hands-on ops training through Winter Fire School for the southern region. They are also looking at, in conjunction with HMI, doing a Haz-Mat conference as in recent years it had been combined into the Public Safety Summit but that has now become more focused on law enforcement and the Haz-Mat tract has been lost. So they are looking to perhaps get a Haz-Mat tract/training either the day before or after the Summit. Board Member Olsen stated that as the current standard for Firefighter I includes Haz-Mat Operations, he assumes all of the Departments that are teaching Firefighter I in-house doing Haz-Mat Ops. He asked what is being done to get tech level in the rural areas? Mr. Perkins stated that is a problem because usually it is just one or two techs in the rural areas and you really need a team. They can attend the yearly tech level education at UFRA to get the knowledge base, but it's still a problem when there is only one or two techs in any given rural area.

Item #5 on the agenda was a legislative report to the Board by Coy Porter, Utah State Fire Marshal, concerning the 2016 legislative session. State Fire Marshal Porter stated that HB 33, which is the change in the Fire Prevention Board from 13 to 11 members has passed through both bodies and is now complete. HB 316 regarding the Building Code review and adoption of amendments. There has been a lot of wrangling and controversy with this bill, including issues with the electrical and energy codes as well as varying years between cycles of adoptions of new

codes. Board Chair Newberg asked if with the proposal to switch to a 6 year adoption cycle for the international residential code whether that would begin with the adoption of the 2015 residential code and continue forward from there. Marshal Porter stated that it would. He stated that that was the intention to get the 2015 codes across the board as a baseline starting point for the adoption cycles. He stated that issues with training could arise from skipping the 3 year cycle as they train the current code and don't go back to train the items that may have been missed at the 3 year mark. There are further concerns in waiting 6 years to adopt new code as technology is moving forward at a rapid pace and in building smart homes, the codes and regulations have to take into account that new technology. Board Chair stated that energy efficiency is for the lifetime of the structure unless you put some significant upgrades into it in the future. Marshal Porter said that is what the energy people argued as well. They state that once you build your exterior walls, you're never going to go back and add depth to your exterior walls. There are three days left in the legislature so they are hoping that this bill will get passed and in the meantime will continue to watch it. Board Member Larson asked a question regarding the energy upgrades of 3%-4% for the following two years. He asked what the baseline for that would be. Marshal Porter responded that initially the recommendation from the Building Code Commission was 10% but Representative Wilson dropped that down to 3%. The energy people were unhappy with that figure and so he changed it to 0%. However he then changed it back to 3% from the recommended baseline with a graduated clause as the minimum standard. Casey Vorwaller, who represents the fire community on the UBCC, addressed the Board. He stated that with the 2015 IECC, if adopted in its entirety, would be almost a 15% increase in energy efficiency standards from what Utah is currently using. The 3% increase would actually be based on the 2012 IECC, and then would incrementally get higher. State Fire Marshal Porter stated that HB 330 regarding the State Fire Code Revisions has passed and went through both houses with no dissenting votes. Board Chair Newberg asked if they adopted everything that the Board had proposed, Marshal Porter stated that they did. The new code standards will be in effect as of July 1, 2016. SB 44, which is from Senator Dayton regarding the building construction code amendments, exempting permit requirements for fruit stands 1,000 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft. The State Fire Marshal's office opposes this bill and thinks that some inspections of the building and utilities are necessary for a building of this size as it is likely that the public would have access to area within the building. Board Member Miller asked if Sen. Dayton originally asked for 2,500 sq. ft. Marshal Porter stated that the original structure was for 600 sq. ft. then went to 1000 sq. ft. in statute. It was originally written for "roadside fruit stands" however with the size of the structure, it is becoming a more permanent farm-related retail establishment. Chair Newberg stated that it would not be unreasonable to require things like good egress and good access for a facility of that size as well as having some kind of standards that the infrastructure would be required to comply with. Marshal Porter stated that there would be a committee hearing on this bill tonight at 7:00 p.m. SB 122 regarding Wildfire Mitigation Amendments has been put back in rules to prioritize and SB 212 regarding the Wildland Suppression Fund has been assigned to the Natural Resource Committee.

Item #6 on the agenda was a report to the Board by State Fire Marshal, Coy Porter, concerning the progress of acquiring land to relocate the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. Marshal Porter stated that they were not able to get the documentation from Anderson Development regarding the Option to Purchase the property before budgets were due in September. At this point in conjunction with UVU and Rep. Peterson, they are asking Rep. Hutchings who sits on the appropriations committee that deals with DPS funds to add a very short couple of lines that states

the intent of the restricted account to be utilized for the future home location for the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. That is all that was able to be done regarding that issue in this session.

Item #7 on the agenda was appointment by the Board of Chris Martin, representing the Department of Emergency Management, to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Motion made by Board Member Olsen to approve this appointment. Motion seconded by Board Member Miller and Board Member Hammer. Motion was carried unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda was approval by the Board of the appointment of Captain Rodney “Hoss” Tomkinson, Logan Fire Department, to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council, by Hugh Connor, Academy Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. Motion made by Board Member Hammer to approve this appointment. Motion seconded by Board Member Phillips. Motion was carried unanimously.

Item #9 was Old Business. There was no old business.

Item #10 was New Business. There was no new business.

Item #11 on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting will be May 10, 2016, beginning 8:30 A.M., South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue (2430 South), South Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Motion to adjourn made by Board Chair Newberg, motion seconded by Board Member Park, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.